

# House File 266 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to school district and area education agency  
2 enrollments and school district weighting for the budget  
3 year beginning July 1, 2021, and including effective date  
4 provisions.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. BUDGET ENROLLMENTS, WEIGHTED ENROLLMENTS, AND  
2 ENROLLMENTS SERVED FOR SCHOOL BUDGET YEAR 2021-2022.

3 1. For the budget year beginning July 1, 2021, if a school  
4 district's budget enrollment otherwise determined under section  
5 257.6, subsection 4, is less than the school district's budget  
6 enrollment for the budget year beginning July 1, 2020, the  
7 department of management shall, notwithstanding any provision  
8 of law to the contrary, adjust the school district's budget  
9 enrollment for the budget year beginning July 1, 2021, to equal  
10 the budget enrollment for the budget year beginning July 1,  
11 2020. The adjusted budget enrollment figure shall be used to  
12 calculate all necessary funding amounts for the school budget  
13 year beginning July 1, 2021.

14 2. For the budget year beginning July 1, 2021, if a school  
15 district's additional enrollment because of special education  
16 otherwise determined under section 257.6, subsections 3 and  
17 5, is less than the school district's additional enrollment  
18 because of special education for the budget year beginning July  
19 1, 2020, the department of management shall, notwithstanding  
20 any provision of law to the contrary, adjust the school  
21 district's additional enrollment because of special education  
22 for the budget year beginning July 1, 2021, to equal the  
23 additional enrollment because of special education for the  
24 budget year beginning July 1, 2020. The adjusted additional  
25 enrollment because of special education figure shall be used to  
26 calculate all necessary funding amounts for the school budget  
27 year beginning July 1, 2021.

28 3. For the budget year beginning July 1, 2021, if a school  
29 district's additional pupils added due to the application  
30 of the supplementary weighting otherwise determined under  
31 section 257.6, subsection 5, is less than the school district's  
32 additional pupils added due to the application of the  
33 supplementary weighting for the budget year beginning July  
34 1, 2020, the department of management shall, notwithstanding  
35 any provision of law to the contrary, adjust the school

1 district's additional pupils added due to the application of  
2 the supplementary weighting for the budget year beginning  
3 July 1, 2021, to equal the additional pupils added due to the  
4 application of the supplementary weighting for the budget  
5 year beginning July 1, 2020. The adjusted additional pupils  
6 added due to the application of the supplementary weighting  
7 figure shall be used to calculate all necessary funding  
8 amounts for the school budget year beginning July 1, 2021,  
9 and the proportions of supplementary weighting attributable  
10 to each supplementary weighting category shall be equal to  
11 the proportion of such weighting for the school budget year  
12 beginning July 1, 2020.

13 4. For the budget year beginning July 1, 2021, if a  
14 school district's preschool budget enrollment otherwise  
15 determined under section 256C.5 is less than the school  
16 district's preschool budget enrollment for the budget year  
17 beginning July 1, 2020, the department of management shall,  
18 notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, adjust  
19 the school district's preschool budget enrollment for the  
20 budget year beginning July 1, 2021, to equal the preschool  
21 budget enrollment for the budget year beginning July 1, 2020.  
22 The adjusted preschool budget enrollment figure shall be used  
23 to calculate all necessary preschool funding amounts for the  
24 school budget year beginning July 1, 2021.

25 5. For the budget year beginning July 1, 2021, if an area  
26 education agency's enrollment served otherwise determined under  
27 section 257.37, subsection 4, is less than the area education  
28 agency's enrollment served for the budget year beginning July  
29 1, 2020, the department of management shall, notwithstanding  
30 any provision of law to the contrary, adjust the area education  
31 agency's enrollment served for the budget year beginning July  
32 1, 2021, to equal the enrollment served for the budget year  
33 beginning July 1, 2020. The adjusted enrollment served figure  
34 shall be used to calculate all necessary funding amounts for  
35 the school budget year beginning July 1, 2021.

1     Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate  
2 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

3                                   EXPLANATION

4             The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
5             the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

6     For purposes of calculating school district funding under  
7 Code chapter 257, a school district's budget enrollment for a  
8 budget year is the basic enrollment for that budget year, which  
9 is equal to the school district's actual enrollment (headcount)  
10 for the base year (preceding budget year). This bill provides  
11 that for the budget year beginning July 1, 2021, if a school  
12 district's budget enrollment is less than the school district's  
13 budget enrollment for the budget year beginning July 1, 2020,  
14 the department of management, notwithstanding any provision  
15 of law to the contrary, is required to adjust the district's  
16 budget enrollment to equal the budget enrollment for the budget  
17 year beginning July 1, 2020. Similarly, for the budget year  
18 beginning July 1, 2021, if a school district's additional  
19 enrollment because of special education, weighted enrollment  
20 added due to supplementary weighting, or preschool budget  
21 enrollment is less than the applicable corresponding amount  
22 for the budget year beginning July 1, 2020, the department of  
23 management is required to adjust the district's additional  
24 enrollment because of special education, weighted enrollment  
25 added due to supplementary weighting, or preschool budget  
26 enrollment, as applicable, to equal the corresponding amount  
27 for the budget year beginning July 1, 2020. The bill also  
28 establishes a similar provision for the determination of an  
29 area education agency's "enrollment served" under Code section  
30 257.37.

31     The bill takes effect upon enactment.